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San Bernardino County Grand Jury Receives Excellence in Reporting Award for its 2016-2017 Report Titled “Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department”

The California Grand Jurors’ Association has presented the Grand Jury Reporting Award to the San Bernardino County Grand Jury for its [2016-2017 report](#) titled “Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department.”

The California Grand Jurors’ Association is a statewide nonprofit organization of former grand jurors with the mission “to promote, preserve and support the grand jury system through training, education and outreach.” The annual Grand Jury Reporting Award recognizes reports of high quality, have had a positive impact on the community, and increased awareness of the California grand jury system.

From January 2014 through December 2016, the Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department (AVUSD-PD) ordered an inordinate number of vehicles towed from public roadways during a 2-year period of time. In most cases the violations were outside of the department’s authority. All were towed by a single tow company. During the same period, there was a decline in student-related interactions and on-campus activity by the police. The investigation led to corrections in policy.

The award was presented on October 1st at the association’s 37th annual conference held in South Lake Tahoe. Norma Grosjean, San Bernardino County Grand Jury Assistant, Sharon Bragg, San Bernardino Superior Court Administrative Services Supervisor, and Ron Zurek, member of the 2016-2017 Grand Jury, attended the conference and accepted the award on behalf of the San Bernardino County Grand Jury.

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